

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

Applicants present a **clean version** of all pending claims in **Attachment A**.

Please amend claims 1-10, 12, 18, & 20 as follows:

1. *(Once Amended)* A [network-based] system for enabling users connected to an on-line analytical processing (OLAP) system over [the] a network to [an OLAP system to] select formatting options for reports for processing by the OLAP system, comprising:

 report requesting means for enabling a user to select a workbook comprising one or more reports to be requested for processing by the OLAP system; and

 format specification means for enabling the user to select the format for each report in the workbook.
2. *(Once Amended)* The [network-based] system of claim 1 wherein the format specification means enables the user to specify multiple levels of formats to be applied to the reports in the workbook.
3. *(Once Amended)* The [network-based] system of claim 2 wherein the multiple levels of formats are applied in a hierarchical manner so that lower level formats supersede higher [lever] level formats.

4. ***(Once Amended)*** The [network-based] system of claim 3 wherein the levels of formats comprise global formats, report formats, attribute/element/metric formats, and value formats in that hierarchical order.

5. ***(Once Amended)*** The [network-based] system of claim 1 wherein the format of one of the workbooks comprises a merged report format.

6. ***(Once amended)*** The [network-based] system of claim 1 wherein the format of one of the reports comprises a combined grid and graph.

7. ***(Once Amended)*** The [network-based] system of claim 1 wherein the format comprises rules to be applied to the report that the user may specify.

8. ***(Once Amended)*** The [network-based] system of claim 1 wherein the format of a report comprises an autoformat that enables each recipient of the report to specify the format in which that recipient views the report when the report is received.

9. ***(Once Amended)*** The [network-based] system of claim 1 wherein the format of a report comprises a scripted format created by a user for specialized formatting of the report.

10. (*Once Amended*) A method for enabling users connected to an on-line analytical processing (OLAP) system over [the] a network to [an OLAP system to] select formatting options for reports requested for processing by the OLAP system, the method comprising the steps of:

enabling a user to select a workbook comprising one or more reports to be requested for processing by the OLAP system; and

enabling the user to select the format for each report in the workbook.

12. (*Once Amended*) The method of claim 11 wherein the multiple levels of formats are to be applied in a hierarchical manner so that lower level formats supersede higher [lever] level formats.

18. (*Once Amended*) An electronic storage medium having code embodied therein for causing a processing system to enable users connected to an on-line analytical processing (OLAP) over a network to specify formatting options for reports requested for processing by the [format of reports requested from an] OLAP system, the medium comprising:

code for causing a processor to enable a user to select a workbook comprising one or more reports to be requested for processing by the OLAP system; and

code for causing a processor to enable a user to select the format for each report in the workbook.

20. (*Once Amended*) The [method] medium of claim 19 wherein the multiple levels of formats are to be applied in a hierarchical manner so that lower level formats supersede higher [lever] level formats.

Please add new claim 24 as follows:

--24. (*Newly Added*) A system for enabling users connected to an on-line analytical processing (OLAP) system over a network to select formatting options for reports for processing by the OLAP system, comprising:

report requesting means for enabling a user to select a workbook for processing by the OLAP system, wherein the workbook comprises a plurality of reports;

format specification means for enabling the user to select a format for each of the plurality of reports comprising the workbook; and

processing means for processing the plurality of reports asynchronously.--